GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:258
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AVAILABILITY OF SEEDS TO FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether adequate quantity of seeds are made available to the farmers before sowing seasons;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the requirement and availability of seeds of various crops; and

(d) the measures being taken by the Union Government to ensure adequate and timely availability of seeds to the farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.258 DUE FOR REPLY ON 21-07-2009.

(a) to (c): The availability of certified/quality seed is 126.51 lakh quintals for Kharif 2009 against the requirement of 110.97 lakh quintals as indicated by the State Governments to the Government of India. The arrangement of seed is made by each State Government based on an assessment of its requirement for each agricultural season. For Kharif 2009, a surplus of more than 15.54 lakh quintal of seed is available. Requirement and availability of seeds of various crops is at Annexure.

(d): The Government of India is providing assistance mainly under the following schemes to the State Governments for increasing production and availability of quality seeds.

i. Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA).
ii. National Food Security Mission (NFSM).
iii. Integrated Scheme for Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM).
iv. Technology Mission on Cotton.
v. Technology Mission on Jute and Mesta.
vi. Development and Strengthening of Infrastructure Facilities for Production and Distribution of Quality Seeds.
vii. Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY).